Probing Supersymmetry with Photons

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Introduction
Search for $\gamma\gamma E_T$ events
Search for $\gamma E_T + \geq 2$ -Jet events
Summary

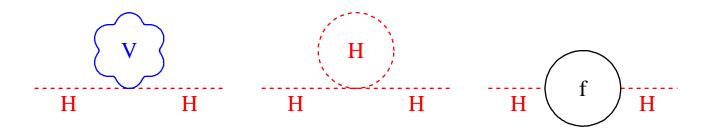
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Motivations for Supersymmetry

Why supersymmetry?
Or any theory beyond the Standard Model?

There are, however, theoretical problems with the Standard Model associated with the disparities in the known mass scales in physics

The Higgs boson receives radiative corrections which are quadratically divergent



Since the fermion and boson loops have opposite signs, the leading quadratic divergences will cancel if there are equal numbers of bosons and fermions with identical couplings

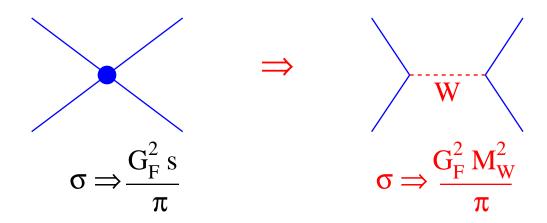
Motivations for Supersymmetry

Historically, introducing new particles served us well

In 1928, Dirac proposed that each particle had to have a partner - antiparticle

Charm quark was postulated to solve the $K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ problem (GIM mechanism) and was discovered in 1974

W boson was introduced to make $\sigma(v_e e \rightarrow v_e e)$ finite and was discovered in 1983



We need the Higgs boson to make $\sigma(W_L^+W_L^- \to W_L^+W_L^-)$ finite though it remains to be discovered



Supersymmetry Models

Supersymmetry predicts a supersymmetric partner (sparticle) for every Standard Model particle

Weak-scale supersymmetry predicts the radiative breaking of the electroweak symmetry

Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) is the simplest supersymmetric model

- (1) add an extra Higgs doublet of opposite hypercharge
- (2) supersymmetrization of the gauge theory

Standard Model Particles

Gauge/Higgs Bosons: γ , Z^0 , W^{\pm} , h^0 , H^0 , A^0 , H^{\pm} , gLeptons/Quarks: $(v,e)_L$, e_R , $(u,d)_L$, u_R , d_R , ...

Supersymmetric Particles Gauginos/Higgsinos: $\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}$, $\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}$, $\tilde{\chi}_{3}^{0}$, $\tilde{\chi}_{4}^{0}$, $\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{\pm}$, \tilde{g} Sleptons/Squarks: $(v,e)_L$, e_R , $(u,d)_L$, u_R , d_R , ...

Lots of free parameters ⇒ theorists′ dream, experimenters′ nightmare...

Double the number of particles \Rightarrow half of the particles remain to be discovered...

Supersymmetry Models

Within the MSSM, the gaugino-higgsino sector is described by only four parameters

 M_1 the U(1) gaugino mass parameter

 M_2 the SU(2) gaugino mass parameter

μ higgsino mass parameter

 $tan\beta$ ratio of VEV of the higgs doublet

(Gaugino mass unification $M_1 = \frac{5}{3} M_2 \tan^2 \theta_W$)

Most supersymmetric models assume that R-parity (R=+1 for the SM particles and R=-1 for their partners) is conserved

- (1) supersymmetric particles are pair produced
- (2) heavy sparticles decay to lighter sparticles
- (3) the LSP is stable (no available decay mode)

 \Rightarrow missing transverse energy ($\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$)

Supersymmetry cannot be an exact symmetry It is assumed to be broken in a hidden sector

A messenger sector transmits the SUSY breaking to the visible sector (SM particles and their superpartners)

The messenger sector interactions are assumed to be either of gravitational strength (gravity inspired models) or SM gauge interactions (gauge mediated models)

Supersymmetry Models

In gravity inspired models, the supersymmetry breaking scale is generally of

$$\Lambda_{\rm SUSY} \sim 10^9 \, {\rm TeV}$$

Resulting in a massive gravitino (G)

- ⇒ no role in low energy phenomenology
- \Rightarrow LSP=the lightest SM superpartner (often $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$)

Have been the focus of experimental searches the standard signatures are leptons, jets (w/o leptons) and $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$

In gauge mediated models, the supersymmetry breaking scale can be as low as

$$\Lambda_{\rm SUSY} \sim 100 \, {\rm TeV}$$

Resulting in an exceedingly light gravitino

- \Rightarrow gravitino is naturally the LSP
- ⇒ the lightest SM superpartner is the NLSP
- \Rightarrow NLSP is unstable and decays to \tilde{G}

Phenomenology depends on NLSP and most models assume NLSP= $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ or $\tilde{\tau}$ $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$, $\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G}$

Not well explored experimentally until recently

Experimental Status of Supersymmetry

There are no confirmed data that disagree with the Standard Model predictions

Searches for supersymmetry have all been negative

However, the apparent unification of the three gauge coupling constants is suggestive

It is unlikely that we can ever exclude supersymmetry...

Photon as a Probe for Supersymmetry

A CDF event has generated considerable theoretical and experimental interests in using photons as probe for supersymmetry

In Gauge Mediated Models with NLSP= $\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}$ $\rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$

occurs with almost 100% branching ratio if $\tilde{\chi}^0_1$ has a non-zero photino component

Any supersymmetric particle will produce a photon and a \tilde{G} in its decay chain

However, the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ decay width $\Gamma \infty m^{-2}(\tilde{G})$

 $\tilde{\chi}^0_1$ can have sizable decay distance

Pair production of supersymmetric particles will result in $\gamma\gamma\mathbb{E}_T^+X$ events if both $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ decay inside the detector

were proposed as possible explanations of the event Ellis et al., PRB 394 (1997), Ambrosanio et al., PRD 54, 5395 (1996), ...

Photon as a Probe for Supersymmetry

Within the framework of MSSM with the LSP= $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, a class of models with dominant

$$\tilde{e}{
ightarrow}e{+}\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}$$
 and $\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}{
ightarrow}\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}{+}\gamma$

decays was also proposed as a plausible explanation of the event

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \stackrel{\sim}{ee} \rightarrow ee \tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \rightarrow ee \gamma \gamma \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}$$

Kane et al., Phys. Rev. D55, 1372 (1997)

In these models, $M_1 \sim M_2$, $\tan \beta \sim 1$ and $\mu < M_2$ $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ is mostly higgsino and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ is mostly gaugino No gaugino mass unification

The event kinematics and rate suggest that $m(\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0})-m(\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0})>20 \text{ GeV/c}^{2}$ $Br(\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}\rightarrow\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}+\gamma)\approx100\%$

$$\gamma E_T$$
+jets events are expected from $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \tilde{q}/\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 + X$ processes

 $\gamma\gamma E_{T} \text{ events are expected from } p\bar{p} \rightarrow e\bar{e}, \nu\nu, \chi^{0}_{2}\chi^{0}_{2} + X \text{ processes}$

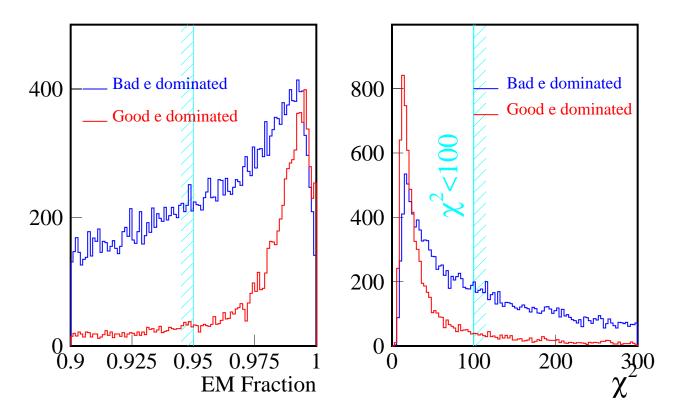
Photon Identification

Isolated photons are identified through a two-step process

- 1) identification of isolated EM clusters
- 2) rejection of electrons

Identification of EM clusters

- 1) Electromagnetic energy fraction > 0.95
- 2) Shower profile consistent with a EM shower
- 3) Isolation = $(E_{cone}(0.4)-E_{cone}(0.2))/E_{\gamma} < 0.1$



For photons with $E_T > 20$ GeV, $\varepsilon \sim 90\%$

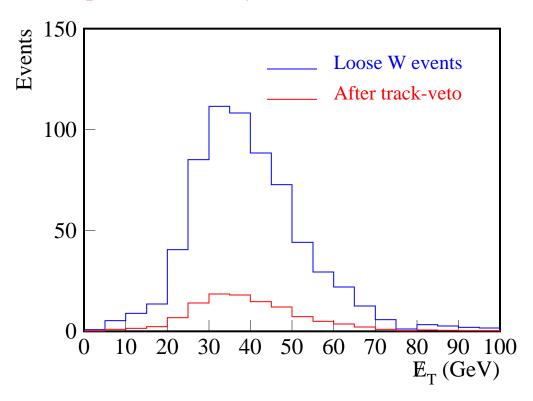
Photon Identification

Electron Rejection

Events with large \mathbb{E}_{T} are dominated by W productions with $W\rightarrow ev$

Electron is rejected by the presence of a reconstructed track or a large number of hits

Still, there will be one electron misidentified as a photon for every 220 identified electrons



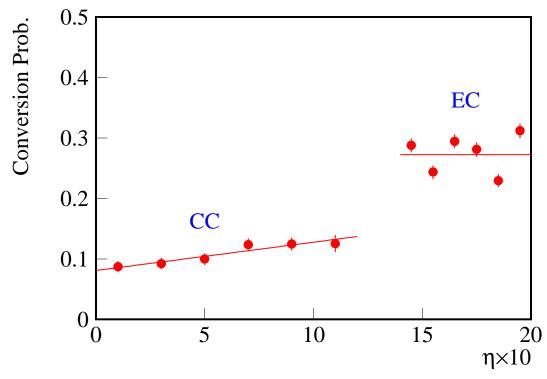
About 30% of photons is also lost due to random overlaps

Photon Identification

Conversions

Many photons are lost due to conversion in the materials upstream

The conversion probability is about 10% in $|\eta|<1.1$ (CC region) and about 30% in 1.5< $|\eta|<2.0$ (EC region) determined using single photon Monte Carlo



Most of photons from high p_T processes are in the central region

Trigger and Luminosity

Trigger

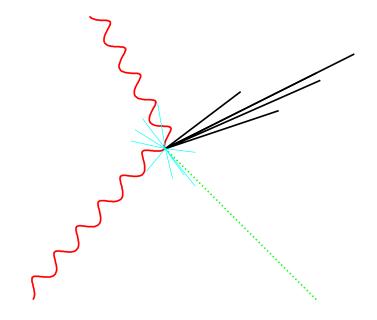
- (1) One E.M. cluster with $E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- (2) A second object with $E_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- (3) $\mathbb{E}_{T} > 14$ (10) GeV

The trigger is >95% efficient for events of interest in these analyses

Luminosity

The data used in this analysis were taken during the 1992-1996 Tevatron Run

The integrated luminosity for this analysis is ~100 pb⁻¹



Two high E_T photons
Large missing transverse energy
with/without leptons/jets

There is almost no Standard Model background at parton-level

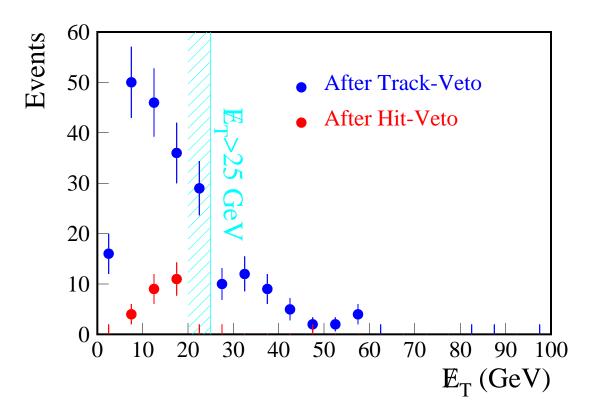
But there are important instrumental backgrounds

- (1) multijet, direct photon events
- (2) W+ γ , Z $\rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ee$, $t\bar{t} \rightarrow ee+jets$

Event Selection

- (1) $E_T^{\gamma l} > 20 \; GeV \; |\eta| < 1.1 \; or \; 1.5 < |\eta| < 2.0$
- (2) $E_T^{\gamma 2} > 12 \text{ GeV } |\eta| < 1.1 \text{ or } 1.5 < |\eta| < 2.0$
- (3) $\mathbb{E}_{T} > 25 \text{ GeV}$

No requirements on jets or other objects were made



Two events survived from a data sample of $Ldt = 106.5\pm5.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

QCD Background

Multijet and direct photon events with misidentified photons and/or mismeasured \mathbb{E}_T will fake $\gamma\gamma\mathbb{E}_T$ events

This background was estimated using events with two EM-like clusters

By normalizing the observed \mathbb{E}_{T} distributions a background of 2.1±0.9 events was obtained

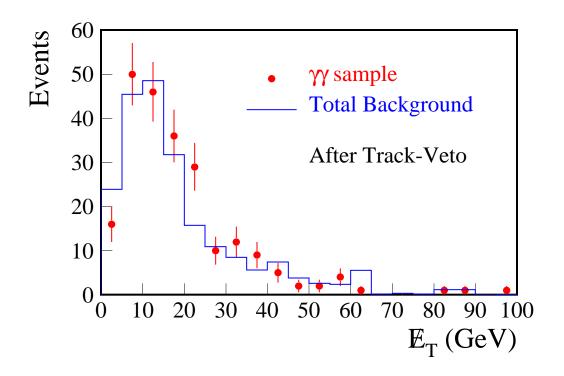
W-Like Background

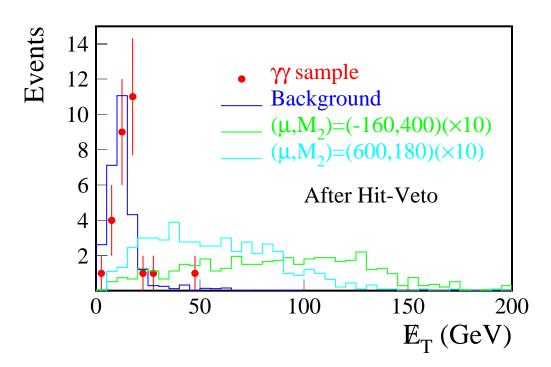
Events with genuine \mathbb{E}_T such as those from W+ γ , Z $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ \rightarrow ee, $t\bar{t}$ \rightarrow ee+jets would fake $\gamma\gamma\mathbb{E}_T$ events if the electrons were misidentified as photons

We estimate their contribution using a sample of $e+\gamma$ events passing the kinematic requirements

Applying the electron rejection factor from the photon ID a background of 0.2±0.1 events was obtained

Total number of background events 2.3±0.9





$\tilde{\chi}_i \tilde{\chi}_j$ Pair Production

We interpret our null results in terms of chargino and neutralino pair production

$$p\bar{p} {\to} \tilde{\chi}_i \tilde{\chi}_i {\to} \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 {+} X {\to} \gamma \gamma \tilde{G} \tilde{G} {+} X$$

within the framework of MSSM with LSP=G

We explore the (μ,M_2) parameter space within the MSSM assuming gaugino mass unification at the GUT scale

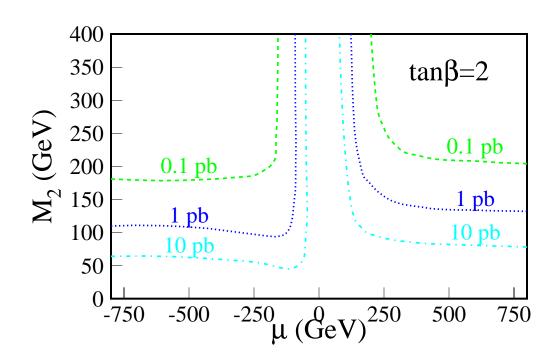
$$M_1 = \frac{5}{3}M_2 \tan^2 \theta_W$$

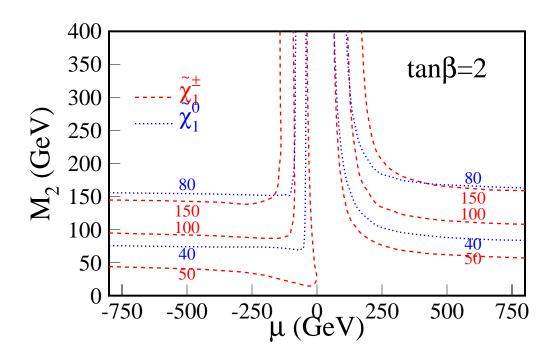
and keeping $\tan \beta$ fixed.

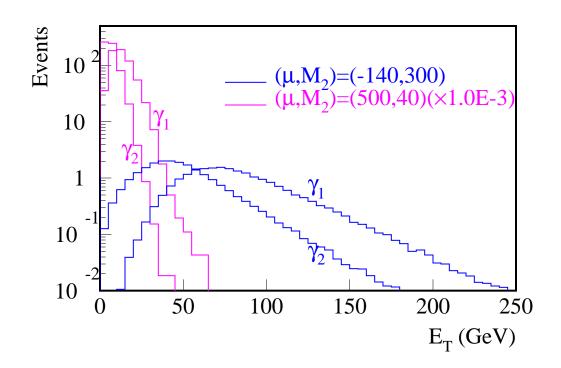
For the most part of the parameter space the pair production is dominated by $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \ \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^{0} + X$

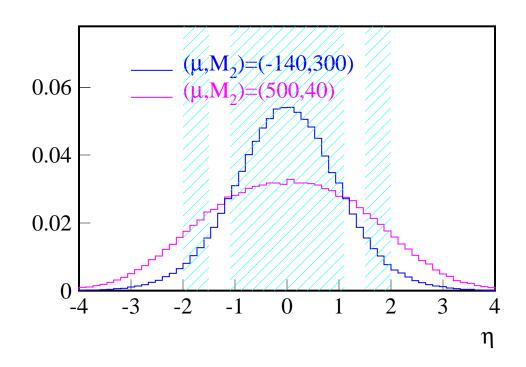
The chargino/neutralino production and decays are modeled using Spythia Monte Carlo program

The efficiency for a typical point of interest in the parameter space is about 25%





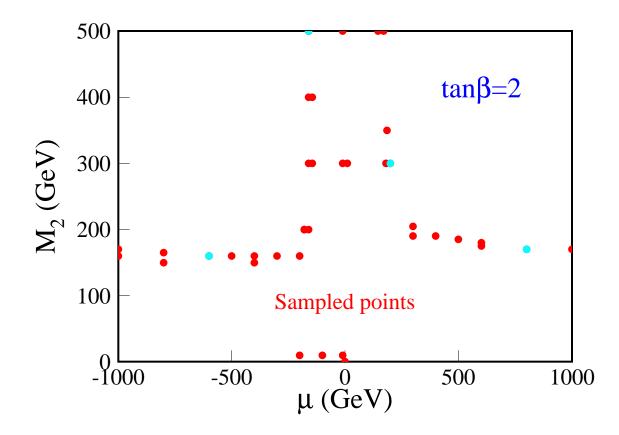




Signal Efficiencies

Pair production of charginos and neutralinos is modeled using Spythia Monte Carlo program

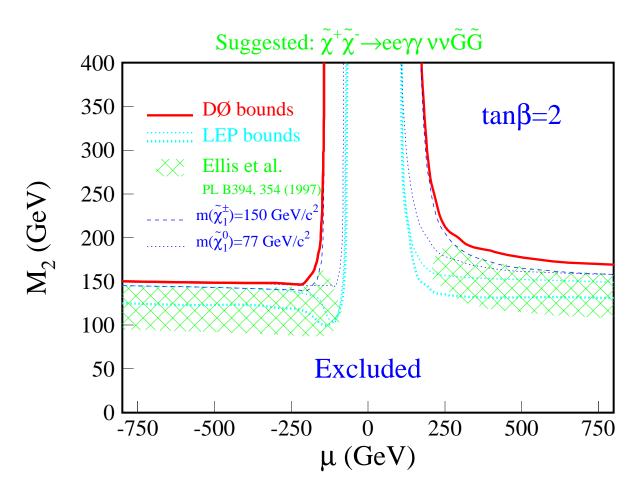
| μ (GeV) | M_2 (GeV) | $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)~(GeV/c^2)$ | $m(\widetilde{\chi}_1^{\pm})~(GeV/c^2)$ | $\varepsilon_{\rm K}(\%)$ | ε (%) |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|
| -160 | 500 | 156 | 167 | 66.0 | 33.4 |
| -600 | 160 | 83 | 166 | 58.0 | 18.4 |
| 200 | 300 | 118 | 160 | 66.8 | 27.9 |
| 800 | 170 | 83 | 162 | 58.7 | 25.4 |



Bounds in (μ, M_2) Plane

Based on 2 events observed and 2.3±0.9 events expected, we set 95% C.L. upper limit on the cross section

The limit is typically ~200 fb for the region of interest



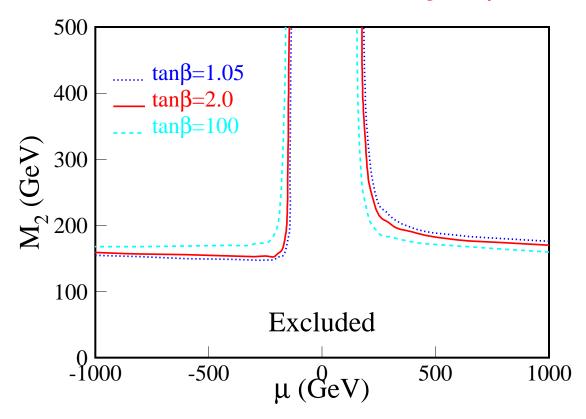
We also set 95% C.L. lower mass limits $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}) > 150 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 77 \text{ GeV/c}^2$

tanß Dependence

The bounds depend on the value of $tan\beta$ slightly, due to the $tan\beta$ dependence of the expected cross section

As $\tan\beta$ is increased, the limits become stronger in the μ <0 half-plane and weaker in the other half-plane

NLSP will be $\tilde{\tau}$ in most models for large $tan\beta$ values

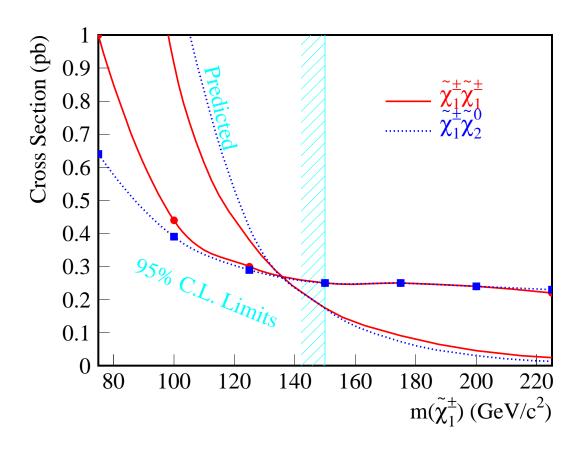


Limits for $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_2^{0}$ Productions

 $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \ \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \ dominates$ pair production of charginos and neutralinos

For a large part of the parameter space
$$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}) \approx m(\tilde{\chi}_2^{0}) \approx 2m(\tilde{\chi}_1^{0})$$

For heavy masses the upper cross section limit is ~200 fb

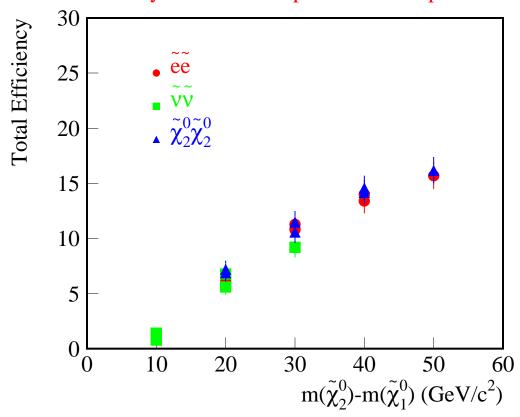


 $\widetilde{\tilde{ee}}$, $\widetilde{\tilde{vv}}$, $\widetilde{\tilde{\chi}}_2^0\widetilde{\tilde{\chi}}_2^0$ Production

In the models of Kane et al., the \tilde{ee} , \tilde{vv} , $\tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ production can also result $\gamma\gamma E_T$ events with $\tilde{e} \rightarrow e\tilde{\chi}_2^0$, $\tilde{v} \rightarrow v\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \gamma$

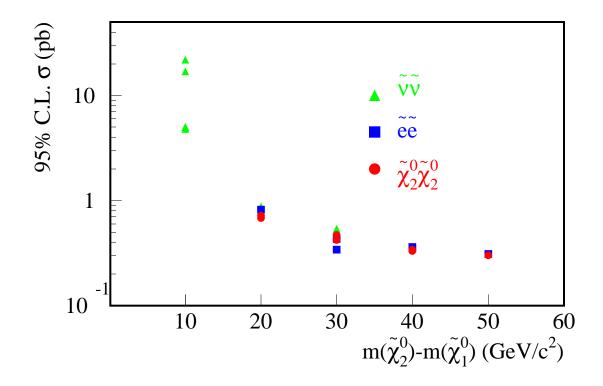
The event topology is largely determined by the mass difference between $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

For a given $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ - $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ the efficiency is almost independent of the processes



Limits on \tilde{ee} , \tilde{vv} , $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ Production

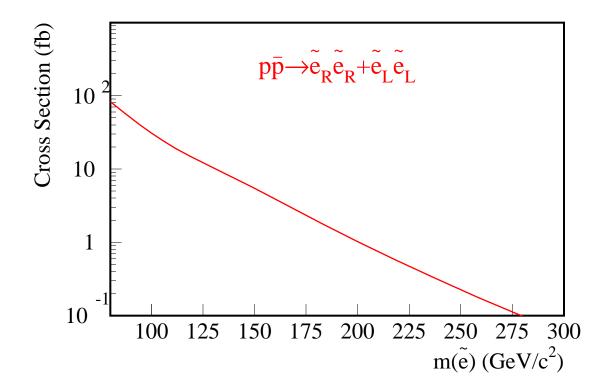
With two observed $\gamma \gamma E_T$ events and 2.3±0.9 events expected from backgrounds, we set 95% C.L. upper cross section limits on ee, $\tilde{\nu} \tilde{\nu}$, $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ production



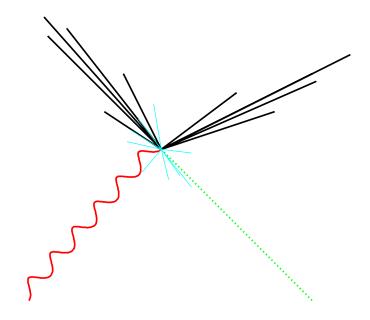
For $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ - $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ > 30 GeV/ c^2 , the 95% C.L. upper cross section limit is ~ 400 fb almost independent of the processes

Theoretical Cross Sections

However, the theoretical cross sections for $p\bar{p}\to e\bar{e}, \ \nu\nu, \ \tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0\to \gamma\gamma E_T + X$ production are small even with the assumptions $Br(\bar{e},\bar{\nu}\to e,\nu+\tilde{\chi}_2^0)=100\%$ and $Br(\tilde{\chi}_2^0\to \tilde{\chi}_1^0+\gamma)=100\%$



The experimental upper cross section limits are above the theoretical cross sections for the mass region of interest.



One high E_T photon, two or more jets Large missing transverse energy

There is almost no Standard Model backgrounds at parton-level

But there are important instrumental backgrounds

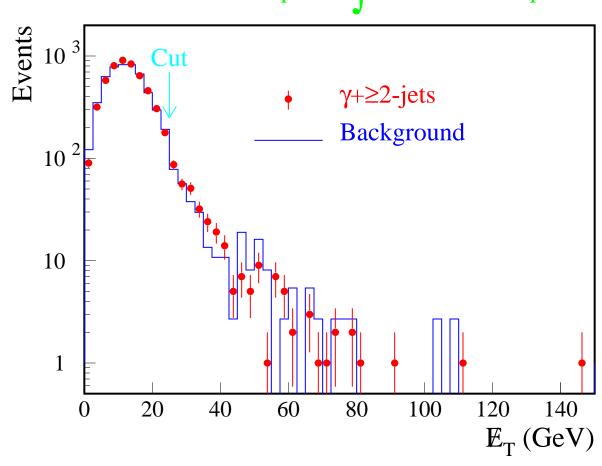
- (1) multijet, direct photon events
- (2) e+jets (W+jets, $t\bar{t}$,...) and v+jets events

Events with less than two jets are not considered due to the large backgrounds from QCD and W→ev events

Selection of Base Sample

- (1) $E_T^{\gamma} > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 1.1 \text{ or } 1.5 < |\eta| < 2.0$
- (2) Two or more jets with $E_T^j > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.0$
- (3) $\mathbb{E}_{\mathsf{T}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$

A total of 378 events are selected (74 events with \geq 3-jets and 10 events with \geq 4-jets) from a data sample of Ldt = 99.4 \pm 5.4 pb⁻¹



Multijet Backgrounds

Multijet (with misidentified photon) and direct photon events with mismeasured \mathbb{E}_{T} will fake $\gamma \mathbb{E}_{T} + \geq 2$ -jets events

E_T mismeasurement can be modeled using multijet events with photon-like clusters

The estimated multijet background is 370±36 events

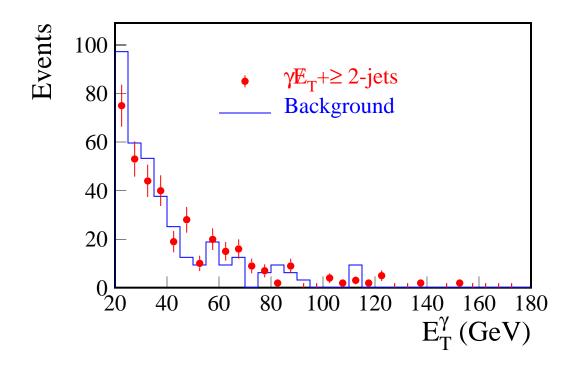
e/v+jets Backgrounds

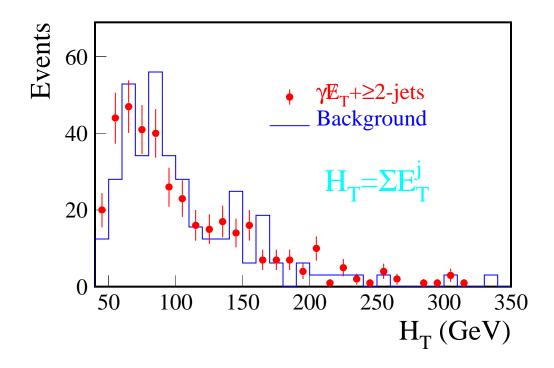
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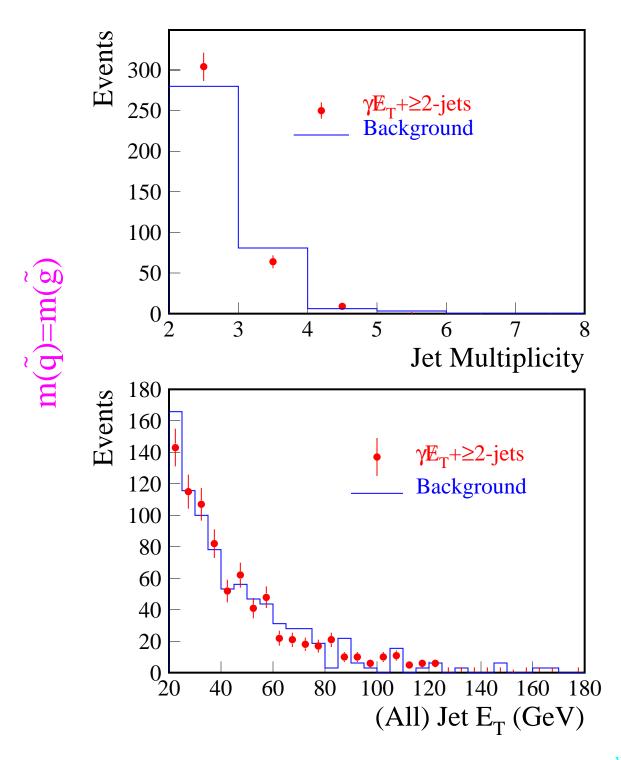
We estimate their contributions using the fake $P(e\rightarrow\gamma)$ and $P(jet\rightarrow\gamma)$ probabilities

The estimated e/v+jets background is 6±1 events

Total background 376±36



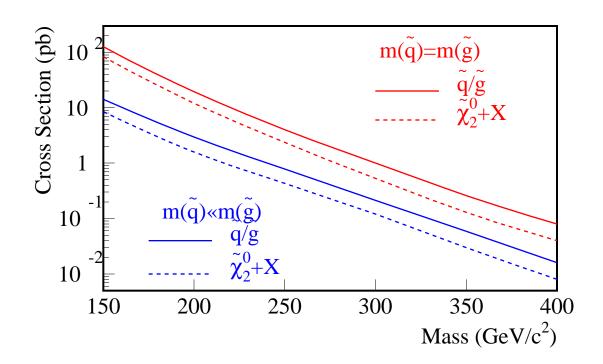




Squark/Gluino Production

We interpret our results in terms of squarks/gluinos production within the models of Kane et al.

The production of $p\bar{p} \rightarrow (\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{\chi}_2^0) \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 + X$ are modeled using Spythia program

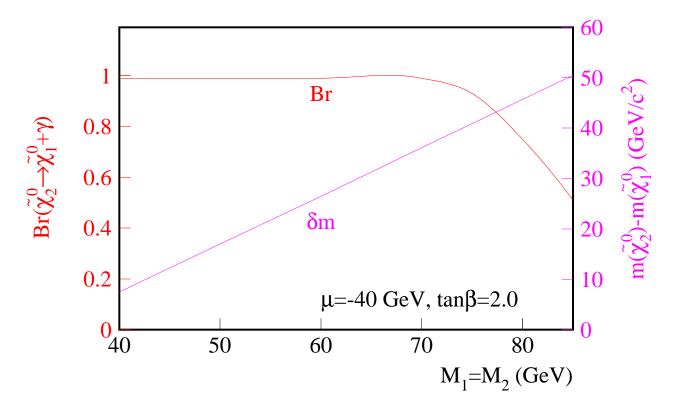


 $Br(\tilde{q}/\tilde{g}\to \tilde{\chi}_2^0+X)$ depends on the MSSM parameters: $M_1,\,M_2,\,\mu,$ and $tan\beta$ and scalar masses

About 60% of the events containing $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \gamma \text{ Decay}$$

The $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ decay is governed by the four MSSM parameters: M_1 , M_2 , μ , and $\tan\beta$



The mass difference between $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ affects photon E_T and E_T

The branching ratio of $\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} + \gamma$ decay directly affects the $\gamma E_{T} + \geq 2$ -Jets event rate

Signal Simulation

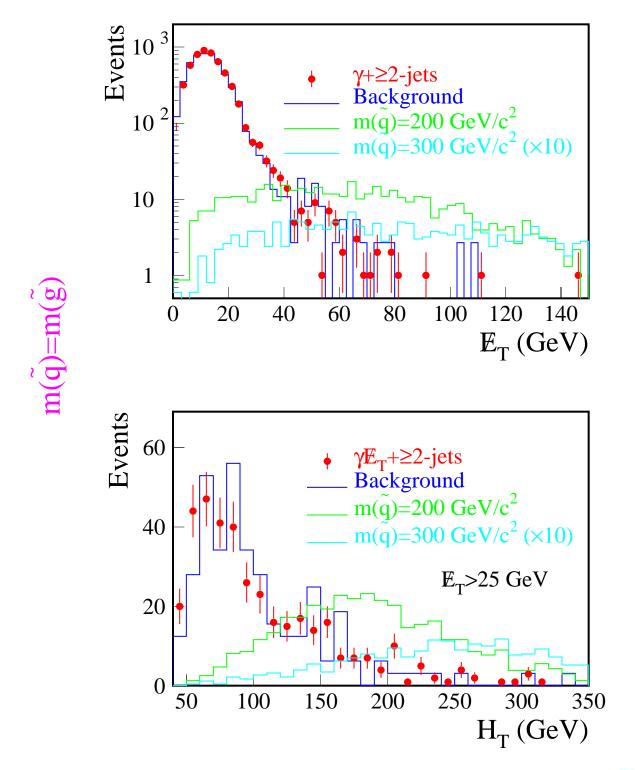
We simulate $p\bar{p} \to q\bar{q}$, $q\bar{g}$, $q\bar{g}$, $q\bar{\chi}$, $q\bar{\chi}$ production using the Spythia program

- 1) $M_1 = M_2 = 60 \text{ GeV}$, $\mu = -40 \text{ GeV}$, and $\tan \beta = 2.0$
- 2) heavy scalar leptons
- 3) no stop production

for three different squark/gluino mass scenarios

- 1) $m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})$
- $2) m(q) \gg m(g)$
- $3) m(q) \ll m(g)$

For the case $m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})$, the expected numbers of events are 351 for $m(\tilde{q})=200~\text{GeV/c}^2$ and 19 for $m(\tilde{q})=300~\text{GeV/c}^2$ in the base sample



Selection Optimization

The base sample is dominated by multijet backgrounds Events from supersymmetry are expected to have very different \mathbb{E}_T and H_T distributions

To increase sensitivity to supersymmetry, we optimize the event selection in \mathbb{E}_T - H_T plane

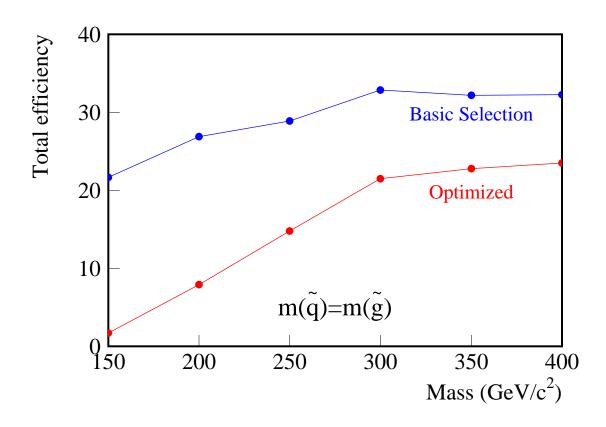
 \mathbb{E}_{T} and H_{T} cuts are varied to maximize the ratio ε/σ_{b} for $m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})=300~\text{GeV/c}^{2}$

The optimized cuts are \mathbb{E}_{T} >45 GeV and H_{T} >220 GeV

For the optimized cuts, we observe 5 data events while 8±6 background events are expected

No excess of events

Selection Efficiency



The efficiencies change by about 4% by varying the MSSM parameters (M₁, M₂, μ and tan β) with the constraints $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)\text{-m}(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)\text{>}20~\text{GeV/c}^2 \\ \text{Br}(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \gamma)\text{=}100\%$

For $m(q)=m(g)=300 \text{ GeV/c}^2$, 11.3 events are expected for the optimized cuts

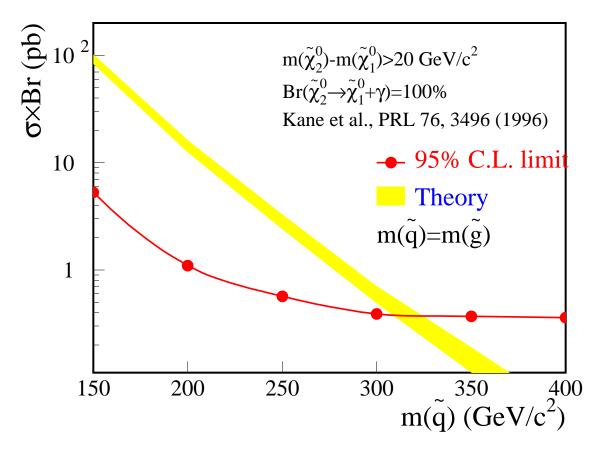
Interpretations

Without excess of events, we set 95% C.L. lower mass limit

$$m(\tilde{q})>311~GeV/c^2~for~m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})$$

 $m(\tilde{g})>233~GeV/c^2~for~m(\tilde{q})*m(\tilde{g})$
 $m(\tilde{q})>219~GeV/c^2~for~m(\tilde{q})*m(\tilde{g})$

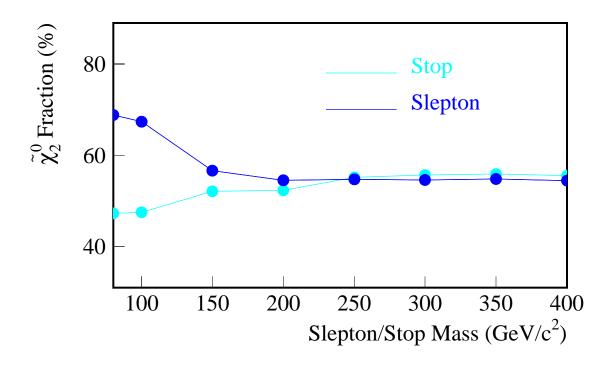
with the constraints $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ - $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ >20 GeV/ c^2 Br($\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ + γ)=100%



Interpretations

The fraction of events containing $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ depends on slepton and stop masses

The mass limit changes by about 10 GeV/c² if slepton and stop masses are lowered to 80 GeV/c²



These results constrain (but do not exclude) the models of Kane et al.

Summary

We have searched for supersymmetry in $\gamma\gamma\mathbb{E}_T$ and $\gamma\mathbb{E}_T+\geq 2$ -Jet final states

No excess of events was found

Within the MSSM with a light \tilde{G} , we set 95% C.L. lower mass limits $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm})>150~\text{GeV/c}^2$ and $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)>77~\text{GeV/c}^2$

These limits exclude the region of parameter space suggested for the chargino interpretation of the CDF event

In the models of Kane et al., we obtain a 95% C.L. lower mass limit of 311 GeV/c^2 for \tilde{q}/\tilde{g} assuming $m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})$

No sign of supersymmetry If we cannot exclude it, can we discover it?